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SUBJECT: CSCE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOF

REF: (A) HELSINKI 0715, (B) STATE 087799, (C) PARIS 12260

1. SUMMARY: MOST GOF POSITIONS WELL KNOWN FROM CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED DIRING MARESCA VISIT LAST MARCH (REF A). POLCOUNS APRIL 27 CALLED ON WORKING-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE AFFAIRS, ERKKI KIVIMAKI, TO REVIEW POINTS COVERED REF B. END SUMMARY.

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2. PREPARATORY MEETING -- FINNISH POSITION IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ON TASK OF PREPARATORY MEETING. GOF HAS DESIGNATED AMB ESKO RAJAKOSKI AS HEAD OF FINNISH DELEGATION TO PREPARATORY MEETING. HE AND FIVE OTHER FINNISH DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS WILL BE RESIDENT IN BELGRADE THROUGHOUT PREPARATORY AND MAIN MEETINGS. KIVIMAKI SAID UNDER SECRETARY JAAKKOO ILONIEMI PLANS VISIT BELGRADE DURING

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PROGRESS OF PREPARATORY MEETING, BUT RAJAKOSKI WILL STILL BE FORMAL HEAD OF DELEGATION EVEN DURING ILONIEMI'S PRESENCE. (NOTE: THIS REPRESENTS MODIFICATION OF EARLIER DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATION; IN PRACTICE RAJAKOSKI WILL OF COURSE DEFER TO ILONIEMI DURING LATTER'S PRESENCE.) OTHER MEMBERS OF FINNDEL WILL BE: LEIF BLOMQUIST, MARKKU REIMAA, JAAKKO LAAJAVA, PEKKA OJANEN AND KIMMO LEHTOSVO. KIVIMAKI ALSO EXPECTS TO SPEND SOME TIME IN BELGRADE DURING PREPARATORY AND MAIN MEETING, BUT WILL CONTINUE BE BASED IN HELSINKI.

3. STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF MAIN MEETING -- HIGH-RANKING GOF MFA OFFICER, PROBABLY ILONIEMI, WILL BE HEAD OF FINNISH DELEGATION DURING MAIN MEETING. GOF AGREES WITH CONCEPT OF PUBLIC OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS WITH PRIVATE SESSIONS IN BETWEEN. KIVIMAKI SEES USG ACCEPTANCE OF TWO-TIER STRUCTURE DURING PRIVATE SESSIONS AS EVOLUTION IN U.S. POSITION.

4. ORGANIZATION OF IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW -- GOF IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. VIEWS THIS AREA, ALTHOUGH NERVOUS ABOUT MANNER IN WHICH REVIEW CONDUCTED.

5. NEW PROPOSALS -- KIVIMAKI SAID GOF AGREES WITH U.S. POSITION ON THIS POINT.

6. FINAL DOCUMENT -- GOF STILL CONCERNED ABOUT DRAFTING OF FINAL DOCUMENT IN COMMITTEES, BECAUSE SEES ENDLESS GENEVA-STYLE NEGOTIATIONS OVER DRAFTS AND BECAUSE CONFIDENTIAL

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DANGER THAT COMMITTEE DRAFTS WILL BE UNCOORDINATED AND OUT OF BALANCE. HOWEVER, KIVIMAKI CONCEDED THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE UNDER TWO-TIER APPROACH MIGHT BE MECHANISM FOR IMPROVING COORDINATION OF DRAFTING WORK IN COMMITTEES. NEVERTHELESS, GOF STILL DOES NOT FAVOR DRAFTING WORK IN COMMITTEES.

7. POST-BELGRADE MEETINGS -- GOF SEES NEED FOR POST-BELGRADE EXPERTS MEETINGS, WHICH A CSCE TOOL THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN USED.

8. MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES -- GOF DOES NOT WANT TO SEE ANY RISKS TO BELGRADE MEETING COMING FROM MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES, AND AGREES THAT CSCE MODALITIES MAY BE BEST WAY TO HANDLE PROBLEM.

9. FAMILY REUNIFICATION -- KIVIMAKI TOOK NOTE OF THIS POINT AND WONDERED WHETHER U.S. HAS REASON TO EXPECT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE IN SHORT TIME

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REMAINING BEFORE BELGRADE.

10. CSCE COMMISSION -- GOF WELCOMES PARTICIPATION OF CSCE COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF IN USDEL. HOWEVER, BELIEVES SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER THIS ROLE FOR CSCE COMMISSION; GOF HAS HEARD SOME CONCERN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES THAT POSSIBILITY OF LEAKS FROM PRIVATE SESSIONS MIGHT BE GREATER FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS WHO MIGHT HAVE ONE EYE ON CONSTITUENCIES BACK HOME. SAID THAT IN ANY CASE USDEL IS QUESTION FOR U.S. TO DECIDE, REITERATING THAT FINLAND WELCOMES CSCE COMMISSION PARTICIPATION. KIVIMAKI SAID MFA HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER FROM CSCE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN FASCELL TO FINNISH AMB IN WASHINGTON REQUESTING INFORMATION ON GOF PASSPORT LAWS AND PROCEDURES, VISITS BY WARSAW PACT CITIZENS TO FINLAND AND VICE VERSA, AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION DATA. MFA DOES NOT HAVE ALL
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11. KIVIMAKI SAID ANOTHER MEETING WITH NEUTRALS SCHEDULED BERN EARLY NEXT MONTH. FOLLOWING THAT, GOF WILL HAVE BILATERAL TALKS WITH ITALY IN ROME MAY 12. ALSO, CSCE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ON AGENDA WHEN PRES KEKKONEN VISITS SOVIET UNION, A TRIP WHICH EMB UNDERSTANDS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17.

12. POLCOUNS ASKED KIVIMAKI HIS IMPRESSIONS OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED UNESCO CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS HELS IN HELSINKI IN WHICH UNESCO ROLE IN CSCE FOLLOW-UP WAS MATTER OF CONTROVERSY (REF C). KIVIMAKI SAID HIS OFFICE HAD BEEN ONLY VERY INDIRECTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INVOLVED AND NOTED ONLY THAT MFA WAS PLEASED WITH FINAL OUTCOME IN WHICH USDEL PLAYED POSITIVE ROLE.

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